



SEMINOLE COUNTY TRAILS AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 26, 2003

Minutes

Members in attendance:

Al Stimac
Bill Fernandez
Roger Cooper
John Penny
Tony Tizzio

Staff in attendance:

Mark Lichtenheld
Cindy Matheny
Jeff Hayes

Mr. Tizzio called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected. Second by Ms. Burkett, passed unanimously.

Mr. Stimac made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22 meeting with the comment that his name had been spelled incorrectly in the minutes. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

Related reports:

Design and Construction:

Mr. Lichtenheld updated the committee on current trail projects. He stated that the Winter Springs 434 overpass was under contract to Jones Brothers with an expected completion date of November 2004. The Altamonte Springs 434 overpass was awarded to Horizon Engineering Group for design, with a schedule to follow after Board of County Commissioners approval in July.

Mr. Lichtenheld stated that the Cross Seminole Trail North is still in permitting with eagle and arsenic issues. The Cross Seminole Trail South from Mikler Road to Orange County is at 90% stage for engineering design, with 100% plans due in July, and that there are some wetlands and drainage issues in that section.

The county is awaiting the transfer of the right-of-way for the segment from Mikler Road to Red Bug Lake Road. The section from Red Bug Lake Road to downtown Oviedo is at 30% design with arsenic issues.

Mr. Lichtenheld said that the entire route of the Flagler Trail has been surveyed and that bids are being solicited for signage and other improvements. David Martin is dealing with submerged land lease issues for the Flagler bridge. The Kewannee Trail is at 100% design with construction bids soon to go out and scheduled to start early next year. Mr. Lichtenheld distributed a copy of the presentation from the public meeting in May for the Cross Seminole connector.

BPAC:

Ms. Matheny reported that, at the June 25 meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee at Metroplan, the Transportation Enhancement grant application for the south segment of the Seminole-Wekiva Trail was ranked low but is on the '08-'09 priority list of projects.

Coordination/Planning:

Ms. Matheny stated that a request for a grant to purchase the Mandell trailhead property on EE Williamson Road was submitted to Florida Communities Trust on June 10. The trust will meet in October to determine grant priorities.

There were no reports on Natural Lands, FNST, Bike Issues, DRC, or OGT/FDOT.

Old Business:

Speakers Bureau Sub-Committee:

Mr. Lichtenheld said that County staff would be unable to lend out County equipment, such as Powerpoint projectors, for use by committee members when making trails presentations to outside groups.

Mr. Tizzio said that Mr. (Mike) Martin, as chair of the Speakers Sub-Committee, should schedule speakers engagements. He asked if a non-Powerpoint presentation could be developed for committee members to use. He suggested the sub-committee meet and see what they need for their presentations.

Mr. Lichtenheld stated that Mr. Donihi, chair of the Friends of Trails Sub-Committee, was working to set up a meeting with Suzy Goldman, Library and Leisure Services Director, to set some objectives for the group.

Mr. Tizzio said that he would like to meet with the sub-committees, and will contact the members to see if they are available for a meeting on the regular meeting night of July 24, in place of the regular meeting. He stated that a chair is still needed for the Trails Week Sub-Committee.

Mr. Penny suggested that the Speakers sub-committee develop a presentation and show it to the Trails Advisory Council, then make it available for all members to use.

Mr. Cooper asked if a staff member could be a governing board member of Friends of Trails.

Mr. Lichtenheld stated that Mr. Donihi is coordinating with Ms. Goldman on how the Friends would operate.

Mr. Tizzio reminded staff that he and Mr. Cooper need new badges, as Chair and Vice-Chair, and that Mr. Stimac needed a badge.

Mr. Lichtenheld stated that the previous supplier is unavailable and that staff are trying to secure a new provider.

New Business:

Special Population Trails Feasibility:

Mr. Tizzio passed out brochures for the ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) Naturecoast (based in Hernando County), which described their services as well as a nature trail they have built. Mr. Tizzio stated that he felt such a trail would be good public relations for Seminole County.

Ms. Matheny stated that the trail appears to be located on ARC property, not County property. She said she is contacting ARC to obtain additional information, such as plans or photographs of the trail.

Mr. Fernandez said that the Environmental Studies Center could be a good location.

Mr. Fernandez informed the committee that he will be unable to attend a July meeting, and may be out west on a vacation trip in August, September, and October.

Mr. Stimac asked if the committee had any by-laws.

Mr. Lichtenheld said that the Board of County Commissioners resolution establishing the committee, and the committee's mission statement, are available, and would be sent to Mr. Stimac.

Mr. Fernandez asked about accommodations for horses at the Winter Springs SR 434 Overpass.

Mr. Lichtenheld stated that horses would use a separated portion of the bridge and would not use an at-grade crossing. That portion of the bridge would be unpaved.

Mr. Tizzio asked that Ms. Terry contact committee members who have not attended in awhile, to see if they are interested in remaining on the committee.

Mr. Tizzio stated that there will be no general meeting in July but there may be a meeting of sub-committees if needed.

Mr. Fernandez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Penny. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:26 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on August 28, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. at the County Services Building, Room 3024.